1 DANIEL E. LUNGREN, Attorney General of the State of California 2 MICHAEL P. SIPE [BAR No. 47150] Deputy Attorney General 110 West A Street, Suite 700 (92101) P. O. Box 85266 San Diego, California 92186-5266 Telephone: (619) 238-3391 5 Attorneys for Complainant 6 7 BEFORE THE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE 8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 In the Matter of the Accusation 10 No. D-4919 Against: 11 PETER B. HOLUB, D.P.M. DEFAULT DECISION 12 915-1/2 Electric Avenue Seal Beach, CA 90740 [Gov. Code { 11520] 13 License No. E-3279 14 Respondent. 15 16 JURISDICTION 17 On or about September 2, 1992, Complainant James 1. 18 Rathlesberger, in his official capacity as Executive Officer, 19 Board of Podiatric Medicine, ("Board"), Department of Consumer 20 Affairs, State of California filed Accusation No. D-4919 against 21 Peter B. Holub, ("hereinafter "respondent"). 22 2. On or about September 2, 1992, the Board caused to 23 be served by certified mail to the address of record of respondent in accordance with section 11505 of the Government 24 25 Code, Accusation No. D-4919, Statement to Respondent, Government 26 Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7, the Notice of 27 Defense form (in triplicate), and a Request for Discovery, to

respondent's address of record with the Board which was and is 915-1/2 Electric Avenue, Seal Beach, California 90740.

- 3. On or about September 16, 1992, respondent through his attorney, Rey L. Ochoa, P. O. Box 520, Seal Beach, California 90740, filed and mailed a Notice of Defense pursuant to sections 11505 and 11506 of the Government Code.
- 4. On or about January 12, 1993, at respondent's request a Stipulation In Settlement and Decision was sent to respondent's attorney. A copy of this document is attached hereto as Attachment "A" and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- 5. On or about February 1, 1993, respondent's attorney sent to the Office of the Attorney General respondent's letter dated January 26, 1993, in which respondent admits the allegations charged, refused to "accept any of the terms and conditions which may stay this revocation," and accepts "your order of license revocation." Respondent gave a mailing address of: P. O. Box 988, Lockhart, Texas 78644-988. A copy of these documents are attached hereto as Attachment "B" and hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

FINDINGS OF FACT

6. The facts set forth in the Accusation are true. A copy of the Accusation is attached hereto as Attachment "C", and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

7. Based on the above-mentioned findings of fact, cause exists to discipline respondent's license pursuant to

sections 490, 2234, 2264, and 2474 of the Business and 1 2 Professions Code. 3 ORDER WHEREFORE, the following Order is hereby made: 4 5 Podiatric Medicine License No. E-3279 issued 6 to Peter B. Holub, is hereby revoked, and 7 Respondent shall not be deprived of making any 8 further showing by way of mitigation, however, a 9 showing must be made in writing to the Board of 10 Podiatric Medicine, Medical Board of California, 1430 11 Howe, Suite 8, Sacramento, California 95825, prior to 12 the revocation of this license. 13 Dated this 27th day of _____ Mav 14 This Decision shall become effective on 15 June 26 , 1993. 16 17 18 MICHAEL VEGA D.P.M. 19 BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 20 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 21 22 03576160-SD91AD0641 23 24 25 26 27

EXHIBIT A

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8	MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation) No. D-4919 Against:
12	PETER B. HOLUB, D.P.M. STIPULATION IN
13	915-1/2 Electric Avenue) SETTLEMENT AND Seal Beach, CA 90740) DECISION
14	License No. E-3279,
15	Respondent.
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17	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of
18	this matter, consistent with the public interest and the
19	responsibility of the Board of Podiatric Medicine, Medical Board
20	of California, Department of Consumer Affairs ("Board") the
21	parties submit this Stipulation and Decision to the Board for its
22	approval and adoption as the final disposition of the Accusation.
23	The parties stipulate the following is true:
24	1. An Accusation, No. D-4919, is currently pending
25	against Peter B. Holub, D.P.M., ("respondent"), before the Board.
26	The Accusation, together with all other statutorily required
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27 documents, was duly served on the respondent on or about

September 2, 1992, and respondent filed his Notice of Defense (contesting the Accusation) on or about September 16, 1992. A copy of Accusation No. D-4919 is attached as Attachment "A" and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

- 2. At all times relevant herein, respondent has been licensed by the Board of Podiatric Medicine under License No. E-3279.
- 3. Respondent is represented by counsel, Rey L. Ochoa, Esq. in this matter, and complainant James Rathlesberger, Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, is represented by Daniel Lungren, Attorney General of the State of California by Michael P. Sipe, Deputy Attorney General.
- 4. Respondent has carefully read and is fully aware of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. D-4919 on file with the Board. Respondent understands the nature of the charges alleged in the Accusation and that the charges and allegations constitute cause for imposing discipline upon license to practice.
- 5. Respondent is fully aware of his right to a hearing on the charges and allegations contained in said Accusation, his right to confront and cross-examine witnesses who may testify against him, his right to produce witnesses on his behalf or to testify himself. Respondent understands his right to reconsideration, appeal and all other rights accorded to him pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code and Government Code and freely and voluntarily waives such rights.

6. Respondent admits the charges contained in Accusation No. D-4919 as alleged. Respondent specifically admits that on or about December 19, 1990, he was practicing as a podiatrist with Peter S. Wadhams when Wadhams was not yet licensed to practice podiatric medicine and did unlawfully advertise that Wadhams was a podiatrist, thereby leading to respondent's conviction of a criminal charge on July 29, 1991, in Orange County as set forth more fully in paragraphs 11 through 18 of the Accusation.

7. The admissions, waivers and recitals set forth above are for the purpose of this stipulation only, and may not be used for any other purpose or in any other proceeding.

8. Respondent understands that by reason of the waivers and admissions set forth hereinabove, he is enabling the Board of Podiatric Medicine to enter the following order from this stipulation without further process. Should the Board not adopt this stipulation and order as its decision in this matter, the waivers and admissions between the parties shall have no force or effect.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that License number E-3279 issued to Peter B. Holub, D.P.M. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions:

CONDITIONS

A. Within 60 days from the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Board of Podiatric

Medicine for its prior approval a community service program in which respondent shall provide free medical services on a regular basis to a community or charitable facility or agency for at least 400 hours, for the first 36 months of probation. Neither respondent nor respondent's practice nor any partner, associate or employee of respondent shall benefit financially from such a community service program.

- B. Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Board of Podiatric Medicine for its prior approval a course in Ethics, which respondent shall successfully complete during the first year of probation.
- C. Respondent shall pay to the Board of Podiatric Medicine \$7,500.00, payable during the first year of probation, at the rate of \$625.00 or more per month until paid in full, for the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of this matter.
- D. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of podiatric medicine in California.
- E. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations, under penalty of perjury, on forms provided by the Board of Podiatric Medicine, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.

Notwithstanding any provision for tolling of requirements of probation, during the cessation of practice

respondent shall continue to submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury.

- F. Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board of Podiatric Medicine's medical consultant, upon request, at various intervals and with reasonable notice.
- G. In the event the respondent fails to satisfactorily complete any provision of the order of probation, which results in the cessation of practice, all other provisions of probation other than the submission of quarterly reports shall be held in abeyance until respondent is permitted to resume the practice of podiatry. All provisions of probation shall recommence on the effective date of resumption of practice. Periods of cessation of practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary period.
- H. In the event respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside the State, respondent must notify the Board of Podiatric Medicine in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residency or practice outside California will not apply to the reduction of this probationary period.
- I. Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's certificate will be fully restored.
- J. If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board of Podiatric Medicine, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is filed against respondent during

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	jurisdiction until the matter is final, the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final and no petition for modification of penalty shall be considered while there is an accusation or petition to revoke probation pending against respondent. K. Respondent shall submit satisfactory proof biennially to the Board of Podiatric Medicine of compliance with the requirement to complete fifty hours of approved continuing medical education for re-licensure during each two (2) year renewal period. I have read the above Stipulation and Order, understand their terms, and agree in all respects thereto. Dated: DANIEL LUNGREN, Attorney General
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18	Deputy Attorney General
19	Attorneys for Complainant Board of Podiatric Medicine
20	Medical Board of California Division of Medical Quality
21	Department of Consumer Affairs State of California
22	State of California
23	I concur in the Stipulation and Order.
24	Dated:
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26	DRY T. COVOR TO
27	REY L. OCHOA, Esq.

I have carefully read and fully understand the stipulation and order set forth above. I have discussed the terms and conditions set forth in the stipulation and order with my attorney Rey L. Ochoa, Esq. I understand that in signing this stipulation I am waiving my right to a hearing on the charges set forth in Accusation No. D-4919 on file in this matter. I further understand that in signing this stipulation the Board shall enter the foregoing order placing certain requirements, restrictions and limitations on my right to practice podiatric medicine in the State of California.

Dated:			
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PETER B. HOLUB, D.P.M. Respondent

DECISION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD

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2	The foregoing Stipulation and Order, in Accusation No.
3	D-4919, is hereby adopted as the Order of the Board of Podiatric
4	Medicine of California, License No. E-3279. An effective date of
5	, 19, has been assigned to this Decision and
6	Order.
7	Made this day of, 19
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10	For the Board of Podiatric Medicine
11	Medical Board of California
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EXHIBIT B

Peter G. Holub, D.P.M. PO Box 988 Lockhart, TX 78644-988

January 26, 1993

RE: In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Peter G. Holub, D.P.M., No. D-4919

Dear Board of Podiatric Medicine,

I have received the stipulation as presented to my attorney, Rey L. Ochoa, by the Deputy Attorney General, Michael P. Sipe.

In general, the board has contented itself with reproducing the criminal charges I pleaded nolo contendere to on July 29, 1991, in Orange County. This incident stemmed from my professional relationship with Peter S. Wadhams, D.P.M. who, although having completed a residency program and passed the oral exams, was not yet licensed to practice podiatric medicine.

As a result of this incident I've spent ten thousand dollars in legal fees, served 320 hours of community service, suffered significant loss of business and community standing, and to this day still suffer occassional bouts of psychic distemper. It is only recently, under the glorious Texas skies, that I have come to peace with you, the Board, and Doug Richie, D.P.M. Yes, I made a mistake but it has been corrected and I've forgiven myself.

I accept your order of license revocation, and cannot accept any of the terms and conditions which may stay this revocation.

Sincerely,

Peter G. Holub, D.P.M.

LAW OFFICE

OF

REY L. OCHOA

ATTORNEY AT LAW

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February 1, 1993

DANIEL E. LUNGREN
Attorney General
State of California
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
110 West A Street, Suite 700
Post Office Box 85266
San Diego, California 92186-5266

Attention: Michael P. Sipe, Deputy Attorney General

RE: In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Peter B. Holub, D.P.M., No. D-4919

Dear Mr. Sipe:

Enclosed herein please find a letter dated January 26, 1993, from my client, Peter G. Holub, D.P.M., that he wished to be forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

LAW OFFICES OF REY L. OCHOA

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Enclosure: Letter from Peter B. Holub, D.P.M.

EXHIBIT C

DANIEL E. LUNGREN, Attorney General of the State of California MICHAEL P. SIPE [BAR No. 47150] Deputy Attorney General 555 West Beech Street P. O. Box 85266 San Diego, California 92186-5266 Telephone: (619) 238-3391 5 Attorneys for Complainant 6 7 BEFORE THE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA 8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of the Accusation No. D-4919 11 Against: 12 ACCUSATION PETER B. HOLUB, D.P.M. 13 915-1/2 Electric Avenue Seal Beach, CA 90740 License No. E-3279, 14 15 Respondent. James Rathlesberger, complainant herein, charges and 16 17 | alleges as follows: He is the Executive Officer of the Board of 18 Podiatric Medicine of the Medical Board of California, State of 20 California (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), and makes these charges and allegations in his official capacity and not 21 22 otherwise. 23 At all times material herein, PETER G. HOLUB, 24 D.P.M. (hereinafter referred to as the "respondent"), held license number E-3279 issued by the Board. Said license was 25 26 issued to respondent on or about June 7, 1985, and is currently 27 in good standing.

- 4. Sections 2220, 2222, 2234 and 2227 provide that the Board may take action against all persons guilty of violating the provisions of the Medical Practice Act (\$\$ 2000 et seq.).
- 5. Section 2234 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct is defined therein, to include, in part: (a) violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provisions of the Medical Practice Act.
- 6. Section 2264 provides that employing, directly or indirectly, the aiding, or the abetting of any unlicensed person or any suspended, revoked, or unlicensed practitioner to engage in the practice of medicine or any other mode of treating the sick or afflicted which requires a license to practice constitutes unprofessional conduct.
- 7. Section 2474 provides that any person who uses in any sign or in any advertisement or otherwise, the word or words "podiatrist," "foot specialist," or any other term or terms or

^{1.} All statutory references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

any letters indicating or implying that he or she is a podiatrist, or that he or she practices podiatric medicine, or holds himself out as practicing podiatric medicine or foot correction as defined in Section 2472, without having at the time of so doing a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended certificate as provided for in this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

- 8. Section 2472 provides in part that "'podiatric medicine' means the diagnosis, medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative, and electrical treatment of the human foot, including the ankle and tendons that insert into the foot and the nonsurgical treatment of the muscles and tendons of the leg governing the functions of the foot."
- 9. Section 2497.5, subdivision (a) states that the Board may request the Administrative Law Judge, under his or her proposed decision in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Board, to direct any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct, to pay to the Board a sum not to exceed the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case.
- 10. Section 490 provides that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the profession for which the license was issued and that a conviction within the meaning of this section includes a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to sections 490, 2220, 2222, 2234, 2227, and 2497(a) in that respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct in having been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a podiatrist. The circumstances are as follows:
 - A. On or about December 19, 1990 respondent was practicing as a podiatrist in partnership with Peter S. Wadhams or was otherwise aiding and abetting Peter S. Wadhams (hereinafter Wadhams) in the unlawful practice of podiatric medicine. Although Wadhams had completed a residency program and passed the oral examination, he was not yet licensed to practice podiatric medicine.
 - B. The above acts led to respondent's conviction on or about July 29, 1991, pursuant to a plea of nolo contendere, for violating section 2474 in a case entitled, "The People of the State of California vs. Peter George Holub", before the Municipal Court of the California, County of Orange, West Orange County Judicial District, case number SBW 213655APO. As a result of said conviction, respondent was placed on three years of summary probation.
 - C. Respondent's plea was to count 2 of the Complaint, which read:
 - " On or about 12-19-90, PETER GEORGE HOLUB AND PETER S. WADHAMS, in violation of Section 2474 of the Business and Professions Code, a MISDEMEANOR, did willfully and

unlawfully use in a sign, advertisement and otherwise the words, "podiatrist", "foot specialist" and other terms and letter indicating and implying that he is a podiatrist, and that he practices podiatric medicine, and did hold himself out as practicing podiatric medicine and foot correction, without having at the time of so doing a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended certificate, authorizing such acts in California."

12. Respondent's conduct, as alleged at subparagraphs 11A, 11B, and 11C, constitutes conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a podiatrist, and grounds for discipline under sections 490 and 2234.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 13. The matters alleged above at paragraph 11 are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.
- 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to sections 2222, 2234(a), 2227, and 2497(a) in that respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct in having aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of podiatric medicine, in violation of section 2264. The circumstances are as follows:
 - A. On or about December 19, 1990 Jamie Porter, also known as Lynn Merrifield, visited respondent's office for a problem with her foot. She was seen by Wadhams after she filled out a medical history questionnaire.
 - B. Wadhams was introduced to Ms. Merrifield by respondent's receptionist as "Dr. Wadhams". Wadhams

examined Ms. Merrifield's feet and rendered a diagnosis of hammertoes. Wadhams then discussed treatment methods for such a condition. Wadhams then treated Ms. Merrifield with a scalpel to remove the corns.

- C. At the time Wadhams treated Ms. Merrifield, he was associated with and employed by respondent. Wadhams shared respondent's offices. Respondent paid Wadhams a salary. Respondent's office was not approved as a place for a podiatric residency program.
- D. At the time of Ms. Merrifield's visit to respondent's office, there were various indications that Wadhams was practicing podiatric medicine, as follows:
 - 1) There were business cards at the reception area of respondent's office stating "Peter S. Wadhams, D.P.M." in the vicinity of business cards stating "Peter G. Holub, D.P.M.", both with the same business address, telephone number, style, coloring and logo.
 - 2) While treating Ms. Merrifield, Wadhams wore a pin stating:

"PETER S. WADHAMS, D.P.M.

Podiatrist"

3) There was on the wall in the front lobby/waiting area of respondent's office a sign or

advertisement or announcement stating in part that 1 respondent: 2 "[was] pleased to announce 3 the arrival of his new 4 ASSOCIATE 5 Peter S. Wadhams, D.P.M. 6 specializing in: 7 SURGERY of the FOOT and ANKLE 8 BIOMECHANICS 9 DIABETIC / INSENSITIVE FOOT CARE" 10 There was an appointment book which had 11 appointments for both respondent and Wadhams. 12 Wadhams' treatment of Ms. Merrifield constituted 13 the practice of podiatric medicine. Wadhams was an 14 unlicensed person not authorized to engage in the practice 15 of podiatric medicine, as defined in section 2472, at the 16 17 time he treated Ms. Merrifield. Respondent's conduct, as alleged above at 15. 18 subparagraphs 11A, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, and 14E, constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of section 2264 in that 20 respondent employed, aided or abetted Wadhams, an unlicensed 21 person, to engage in the practice of podiatric medicine. Such constitutes grounds for discipline under sections 2222 and 23 24 2234(a). 11 25 26

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 16. The matters'alleged above at paragraphs 11 and 14 are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.
- 17. Respondent knew or should have known that his offices had various signs, advertisement or other indications or implications of Wadhams practicing podiatric medicine when Wadhams did not have a valid licence to practice podiatric medicine.
- 18. Respondent's conduct, as alleged at subparagraphs 11A, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D and 17, constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of section 2234(a) in that, while Wadhams did not have a valid certificate to practice podiatric medicine, respondent employed, aided or abetted Wadhams to violate section 2474 or violated section 2474 himself by use of a sign, advertisement or other means or use of the word "podiatrist" or otherwise indicating or implying that Wadhams practiced podiatric medicine. Such constitutes grounds for discipline under sections 2222 and 2234.

WHEREFORE, complainant requests that the Board hold a hearing on the matters alleged herein, and that, following said hearing, issue a decision:

- 1. Suspending or revoking the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine certificate number E-3279 issued to Peter G. Holub, D.P.M.;
- 2. Directing the respondent to pay costs pursuant to section 2497.5; and

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1	3. Taking such other action as it deems proper.
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3	DATED: September 2, 1992
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5	JAMES RATHLESBERGER
6	Executive Officer Board of Podiatric Medicine
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